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FROM KONTOS TO THORNE, PEARCY, ESY, EASTER, ZACHRY CO.

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SUBJECT: SINAI FIELD MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

REF: A) SINAI 603, B) SINAI 623, C) SINAI 633

1. I AM CONCERNED TO HEAR REPORTS OF DISAGREEMENTS AND STRONG POSITIONS BEING TAKEN ON TECHNICAL ISSUES THAT MAY LEAD TO A BREAKDOWN IN COOPERATION AND GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN E-SYSTEMS, ZACHRY AND USG STAFF.

2. I APPRECIATE THAT 50 MILE AN HOUR SAND STORM WINDS, WATER PROBLEMS, HEAT AND ISOLATION ARE NOT THE MOST OPTIMUM CONDITIONS FOR ACHIEVING CALM AND DISPASSION IN WORKING OUT SOLUTIONS AND ARRIVING AT AN EASY CONSENSUS ON CONSTRUCTION ISSUES BUT IT WOULD BE A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT TO ALL OF US IN WASHINGTON, GREENVILLE AND SAN ANTONIO WHO HAVE WORKED TO CLOSELY SEE THIS REMARKABLE COOPERATION DETERIORATING IN THE FIELD. AND IRONICALLY JUST AS WE HIT THE FINAL STAGES OF OUR EXTRAORDINARY, JOINT EFFORT IN THIS UNIQUE, HISTORICAL SINAI ENTERPRISE.

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3. SPEAKING FOR THE USG, WE HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY PLEASED

WITH THE PROGRESS TO DATE AND THE WORK OF ALL HANDS. IN

PARTICULAR, WE ARE DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE COMPETENCE AND PROFESSIONALISM SHOWN BY OUR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR, ZACHRY. I AM CONVINCED WE WOULD NOT BE SO FAR ALONG IN OUR SCHEDULE - INDEED WE ARE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE - WITHOUT THE KIND OF DEDICATION, EXPERIENCE AND LONG HOURS OF HARD WORK THAT THEY HAVE DEVOTED TO THIS TASK. AS I REPORTED TO THE PRESIDENT, THIS EFFORT OF OURS IS A FIRST-RATE EXAMPLE OF HOW GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE CAN COOPERATE UNDER EXTREMELY DIFFICULT CONDITIONS AND TIME CONSTRAINTS AND STILL GET THE JOB DONE.

4. I KNOW THE JOB WILL GET DONE AND GET DONE WELL BUT LET'S NOT MAR THE LAST PHASE OF CONSTRUCTION WITH QUARRELING AND BAD FEELINGS THAT WILL DETRACT FROM THE PRIDE THAT ALL OF US HAVE IN THIS CONSIDERABLE FEAT.

5. THERE FOLLOWS A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION FROM ME TO ALL HANDS FOR WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO DATE. PLEASE CONVEY THIS TO THEM.

QUOTE. SOME 60 DAYS HAVE TRANSPRIRED SINCE FORMAL SINAI FIELD MISSION OPERATIONS BEGAN. AS WE APPROACH THE MID-POINT TOWARDS MEEING OUR TARGET DATE OF JULY 1, 1976 FOR FULL OPERATIONS, I FEEL IT APPROPRIATE FOR ALL OF US TO PAUSE AND REFLECT ON THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS. YOUR DEDICATION TO THE TASK TO DATE IS A MATTER OF RECORD, REFLECTIVE - OF TEAMWORK AND REMARKABLE COOPERATION UNDER VERY DIFFICULT CONDITIONS. YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED UPON TO ESTABLISH AND CONDUCT OPERATIONS WHILE CURRENTLY BUILDING A MAJOR FACILITY IN THE SINAI WILDERNESS. EACH OF YOU SHOULD SHARE A FEELING OF PRIDE IN YOUR IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS DEMANDING TASK. I LOOK FORWARD TO 'CUTTING THE RIBBON'

AND CELEBRATING JULY 4TH WITH YOU IN THE SINAI. CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK. YOU HAVE MY DEEP RESPECT AND WILL ENJOY MY FULL SUPPORT DURING THE DAYS AHEAD. SIGNED
C. WILLIAM KONTOS, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
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